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SUBJECT: APPROACH ON HORN BY ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS

1. APRIL 11 EMBASSY WAS VISITED BY DELEGATION FROM JORDANIAN COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES TO REGISTER CONCERN OVER ETHIOPIAN ACTIONS IN OGADEN AND "COMING MASSACRE" OF ERITREANS. COUNCIL, WHICH IS NON-GOVERNMENTAL, INCLUDES OVER 30 MOSLEM ORGANIZATIONS AND IS MAINLY CONCERNED WITH RELIGIOUS MATTERS. THEY WERE UNEXPECTEDLY ACCOMPANIED BY ONE HASSAN M. OSMAN. OSMAN, WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS, WAS IDENTIFIED AS REPRESENTATIVE IN JORDAN OF ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT.

2. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES CRITICIZED ALLEGED U.S. "SILENCE" ON EVENTS IN OGADEN, AND SAID THAT ISLAMIC PUBLIC OPINION CAN NOT UNDERSTAND WHY U.S. DOES NOT TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT COMING SLAUGHTER OF ERITREANS. GROUP ALSO PRESENTED LETTER ON OGADEN AND ERITREAN SITUATION. EMBOFF DESCRIBED ACTIONS U.S. HAD TAKEN TO STABILIZE SITUATION IN HORN AND END FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND ASSURED GROUP WE UNDERSTOOD CONCERN. DISCUSSION CLOSED WITH PLEA THAT
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U.S. ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS TAKE ACTION TO UPHOLD ERITREAN RIGHTS AND PREVENT DESTRUCTION OF ERITREANS BY CUBANS AND SOVIETS.

3. COMMENT: THIS APPROACH INTERESTING LARGELY BECAUSE IT IS FIRST TIME IN COLLECTIVE MEMORY THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY COUNCIL. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

AT PAINS TO MAKE CLEAR THEY WERE NON-GOVERNMENTAL.
THEY CAST APPEAL LARGELY IN HUMANITARIAN TERMS AND AS
REFLECTION CONCERN FELT BY MOSLEM PUBLIC.
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